

New Clearinghouse of Federal Funding Opportunities for Energy Communities: How to Use It and What's Available

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Agenda



	2:00 – 2:05 p.m.	Welcome & Overview <i>Brian Anderson, Executive Director, Energy Communities IWG</i>
	2:05 – 2:15 p.m.	Clearinghouse Demonstration <i>Briggs White, Deputy Executive Director, Energy Communities IWG</i>
	2:15 – 2:35 p.m.	Spotlight on Funding Opportunities <i>Courtney Haynes, Coal Communities Coordinator, U.S. Economic Development Administration</i> <i>Justin Maxson, Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development</i>
	2:35 – 2:45 p.m.	Discussion
	2:45 – 2:50 p.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Brian Anderson, Executive Director, Energy Communities IWG</i>

Optional Participant Feedback



Question 1:

Have you ever submitted an application for federal funding?

☐ Yes

☐ No

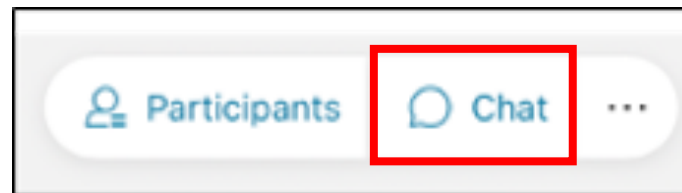
Submit Questions in Chat



All attendees muted.



Send topic questions in **Chat** to **all Panelists** by clicking the chat icon on the bottom right of screen.



Send **technical assistance** questions in Chat to **Host**.

Final Reminders



Slides, webinar recording, and resources will be posted to **EnergyCommunities.gov** and sent by email.

Opportunities within the Clearinghouse



We are delivering federal resources to help revitalize America’s energy communities

GET FUNDING

Find out what your community or organization might be eligible to receive in grants, loans, technical assistance, or other support

EXPLORE FUNDING CLEARINGHOUSE

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Open/Planned Opportunities Currently Available

(Last updated: 1/26/22)

21

Opportunities Don't Require Matching Funds

(Last updated: 1/26/22)

\$46B⁺

Open/Planned Funding Available

(Last updated: 1/26/22)

\$2.9B⁺

Awarded So Far

(Last updated: 1/26/22)

\$46B+
Value of Open/Planned Opportunities

Status	Funding Type	Program Purpose	Eligible Recipient	Reset	Search:
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Title	Status	Funding Type	Department/Agency	Program Purpose	Eligible Recipients
Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program	Open	Grant – no match	U.S. Department of the Interior	Infrastructure, Water & Environment	Indian Tribe, State
Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program	Open	Grant – no match	U.S. Department of the Interior	Infrastructure, Water & Environment	Indian Tribe, State
Advanced Biofuel Payment Program	Closed	Payment Program	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Infrastructure	Private Sector
Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program	Open	Loan	U.S. Department of Energy	Economic Development	Private Sector
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding – Coal Community Commitment	Open	Grant – match required	U.S. Department of Commerce	Economic Adjustment, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Technical Assistance, Workforce Development	District Organization, Educational Institution, Indian Tribe, Local Government, Non-profit, State

66
Open/Planned Opportunities

12
Agencies Represented

21
Opportunities w/ no cost share

4 Planned Opportunities expected to open within the next 60 days

7

Opportunities by Agency



AGENCY	# OF OPEN/PLANNED	EXAMPLE
Appalachian Regional Commission	4	Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative
Department of Commerce	5	Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA)
Department of Energy	8	Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program
Department of the Interior	7	Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program
Department of Labor	2	Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC)
Department of Transportation	2	Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants
Department of Treasury	1	State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)
Department of Education	1	Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS)
Federal Communications Commission	1	Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) – Phase II
Department of Health & Human Services	8	Harm Reduction Program Grant
Department of Agriculture	27	Rural Energy Pilot Program

Spotlight on Funding Opportunities

- **U.S. Economic Development Administration**
Courtney Haynes, Coal Communities Coordinator
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development**
Justin Maxson, Deputy Under Secretary





Economic Development Administration

INVESTING IN AMERICA'S COAL COMMUNITIES

EDA's Mission

To lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.

- Increase America's global ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS
- Support COMMUNITY-LED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Help communities develop RESILIENT AND AGILE local economies



EDA's Investment Priorities



Equity



Recovery & Resilience



Workforce Development



Manufacturing



Technology-Based Economic Development



Environmentally-Sustainable Development



Exports & Foreign Direct Investment

Economic development planning or implementation projects that build economic resilience to and long-term recovery from economic shocks, like those experienced by coal and power plant communities, or other communities impacted by the decline of an important industry or a natural disaster, that may benefit from economic diversification-focused resilience.

To learn more about
EDA's Investment
Priorities, visit:
[https://eda.gov/about/
investment-priorities/](https://eda.gov/about/investment-priorities/)



Eligible Entities for EDA funding

Eligible applicants include a(n):

- District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD);
- Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes;
- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions;
- Institution of higher education
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State



EDA does not provide funding to for-profit entities or individuals

How Does EDA Define a Coal Community?

Coal communities are communities and regions that can reasonably demonstrate how changes in the coal economy have resulted or are anticipated to result in job losses and layoffs in any coal-reliant commercial sector. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Coal mining
- Coal-fired power plants
- Related transportation, logistics, and/or supply chain manufacturing industries



ARP Program

\$3 billion in American Rescue Plan funding allows EDA to lead an **unprecedented approach to:** *“prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus and for necessary expenses for responding to economic injury as a result of coronavirus.”*

EDA’s American Rescue Plan programs are designed to:

1. Accelerate the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic
2. Build local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks



Funding Commitments



EDA's \$300 million ***Coal Communities Commitment*** will ensure support for coal communities as they recover from the pandemic and create new jobs and opportunities.

- \$100 million allocated to the [Build Back Better Challenge](#)
- \$200 million allocated through the **ARPA Economic Adjustment Assistance Program**



American Rescue Plan EAA Goals & Conditions

Supporting Coal Communities

EDA will fund \$200M of its *Coal Communities Commitment* through the EAA NOFO.

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- Any project that will create jobs or contribute to a community's or region's economic recovery is eligible
- Tribes can apply; tourism projects restricted to respective program

Flexibility

EDA can fund a wide range of project types, including infrastructure (broadband, water, sewer, roadway) building constructions, revolving loan funds, planning and technical assistance



Award Timeline



Funding Opportunities

EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance Program

Applications are solicited from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

Match Required: Yes

Typical Project Amount: \$150,000 to \$1,000,000



Funding Opportunities

Assistance to Coal Communities

This funding assists locally-driven efforts to communities and regions severely impacted by the declining use of coal through activities and programs that support economic diversification, job creation, capital investment, workforce development and re-employment opportunities.

Match Required: Yes

Typical Project Amount: \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 for implementation projects and from \$100,000 to \$350,000 for planning activities



Funding Opportunities

Local Technical Assistance Program

The Local Technical Assistance program helps analyze the feasibility of potential economic development projects, such as an industrial park or a high-technology business incubator. Feasibility studies are an effective tool for determining whether the market will support a particular activity or site.

Match: Yes

Typical Project Amount: Less than \$200,000



Funding Opportunities

Public Works

Through the Public Works program, EDA provides catalytic investments to help distressed communities build, design, or engineer critical infrastructure and facilities that will help implement regional development strategies and advance bottom-up economic development goals to promote regional prosperity. The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive.

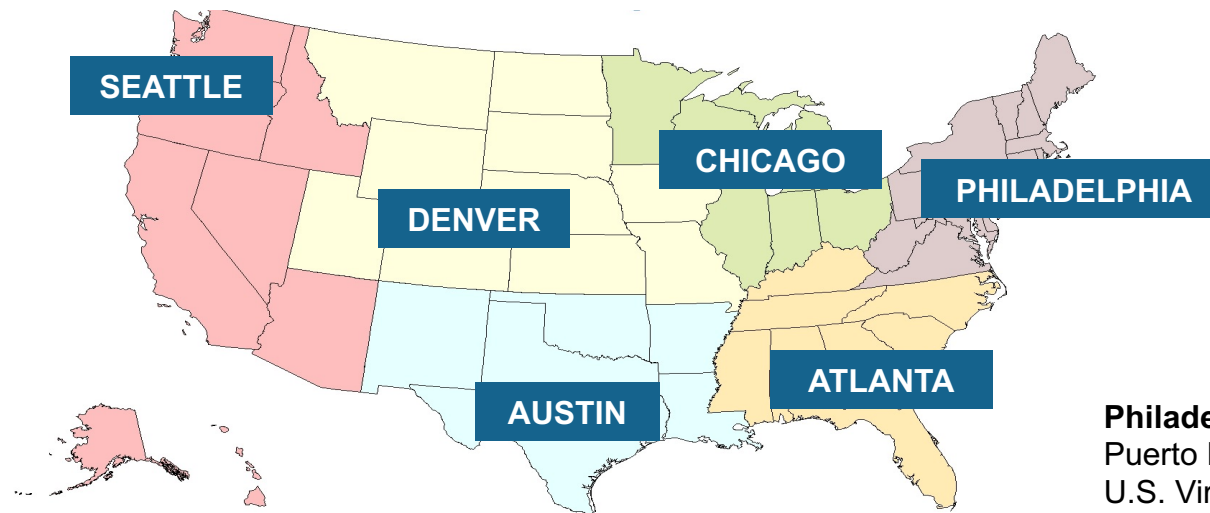
Match: Yes

Typical Project Amount: \$600,000 to \$3,000,000



Next Steps to Apply

1. Read the **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** and Eligibility Requirements: <https://eda.gov/funding-opportunities/>
2. Find your **Economic Development District** for planning support and technical assistance: <https://eda.gov/resources/directory/>
3. Connect with your state's **Economic Development Representative** with questions: <https://eda.gov/contact>



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American Samoa
Guam
Federated States of
Micronesia
Palau
Philadelphia:
Marshall Islands
Puerto Rico
Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana
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Tell Us What You Think!

1. If you had a chance to use the IWG's new funding clearinghouse, how would you rate it?
2. What else would you like to see as the IWG builds on this clearinghouse and evolves into a one-stop-shop for energy communities?
3. How would you rate this webinar?
4. What additional support do you need to successfully pursue federal funds?

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law contains numerous provisions important to Energy Communities

- IWG agencies are preparing **more than \$100 billion** of infrastructure investments and funding opportunities in areas such as:

					
Transportation infrastructure in rural communities	Broadband access and deployment	Abandoned mine lands	Orphaned wells	Critical materials and rare earth elements	Clean water

- The Clearinghouse will be updated to include BIL funding opportunities once detailed plans are available

February 2022

New Funding
Opportunities for
Energy
Communities in the
Bipartisan
Infrastructure Law

March 2022

Repurposing Fossil
Energy Assets

Getting Involved: Calls to Action



Stakeholder engagement opportunities

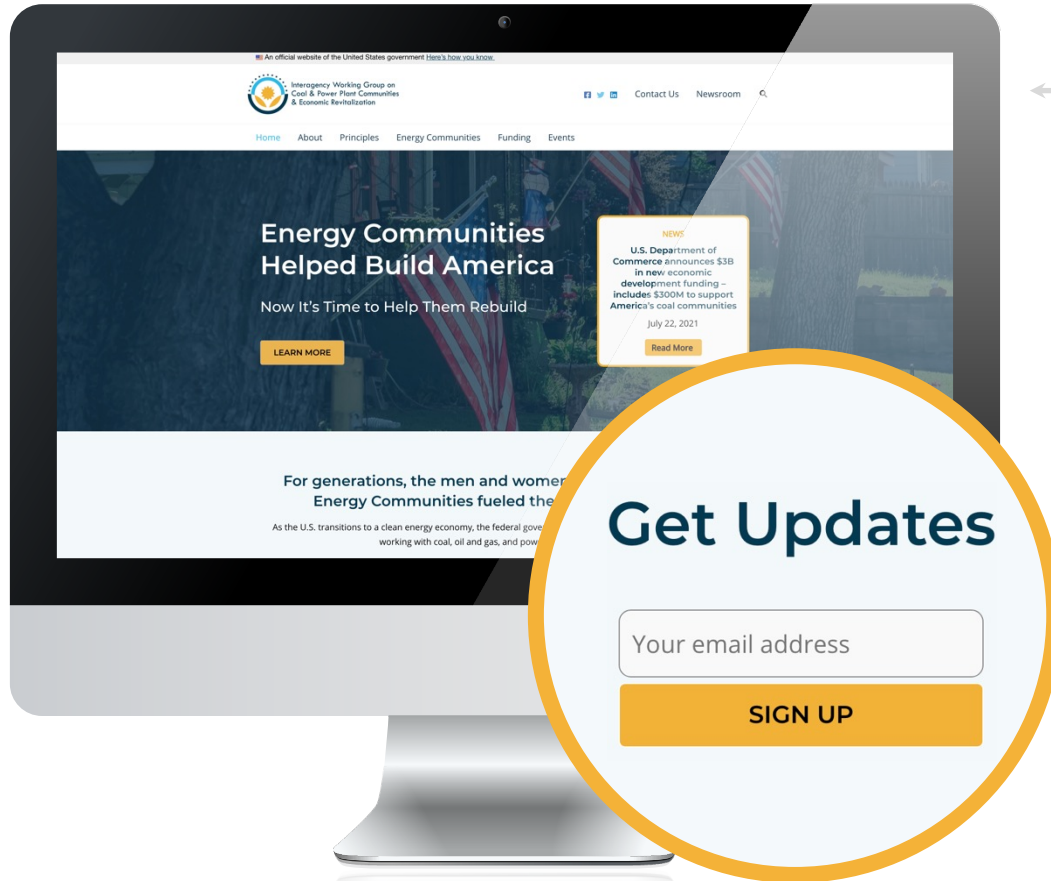
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with and try out the funding clearinghouse
- ✓ Send us your thoughts on the clearinghouse
- ✓ Sign up at website/follow social media
- ✓ Attend webinars and workshops



Prepare for significant funding opportunities from BIL

- ✓ Cultivate coalitions
- ✓ Assemble resources for grant writing
- ✓ Secure matching funds, where necessary

Sharing Information: IWG Website & Social Media



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